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SOUTHEAST COVE TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The following information details the Northern Southeast Alaska Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) commercial fishing open waters and fishing schedules in the Southeast Cove terminal harvest area (THA) for the 2022 season.

Southeast Cove THA

NSRAA is forecasting a total run of 174,000 summer chum salmon to the Southeast Cove THA (Figure 1). A portion of the run may be harvested in common property fisheries in Chatham Strait.

The Southeast Cove THA are those waters of Keku Strait enclosed by a line from a rocky point on the northern end of Kuiu Island located on the east side of Southeast Cove at 56°52.95′ N lat, 134°01.33′ W long to the northwest corner of Hound Island at 56°53.12′ N lat 133°56.77′ W long, then northwest connecting points along the northern shore of Keku Islands at 56°53.98′ N lat, 133°57.58′ W long to 56°54.90′ N lat, 133°59.53′ W long to 56°55.93′ N lat, 134°00.97′ W long to 56°55.95′ N lat, 134°02.15′ W long to 56°55.22′ N lat, 134°02.53′ W long to 56°56.37′ N lat, 134°06.62′ W long, then to the northwest corner of Payne Island at 56°57.45′ N lat, 134°08.75′ W long, then south to a point on Kuiu Island at 56°55.08′ N lat, 134°09.25′ W long.

Purse seine: will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday and Thursday each week from Sunday, June 19, 2022, through Sunday, July 31, 2022.

Drift gillnet: will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday each week from Tuesday, June 21, 2022, through Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

Troll: will be open from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Monday, Friday, and Saturday each week from 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 20, through 11:59 p.m., Monday August 1, 2022.

Currently there are no plans for cost recovery. The THA will close to all fisheries on Monday August 1, 2022. However, if significant numbers of fish remain, additional common property opportunity may be provided via emergency order (EO) or a cost recovery fishery may be implemented dependent on the presence of wild salmon stocks in the area. If closures or additional openings are warranted, they will be announced by advisory announcement.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for the Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay THAs: Chinook salmon retention is permitted in the troll fishery only during general summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods established under 5 AAC 29.100; trollers may retain and sell only those Chinook salmon that are 28 inches or greater in length. Chinook salmon harvested in the purse seine fishery 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon harvested in the drift gillnet fishery may be retained and sold.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0422.

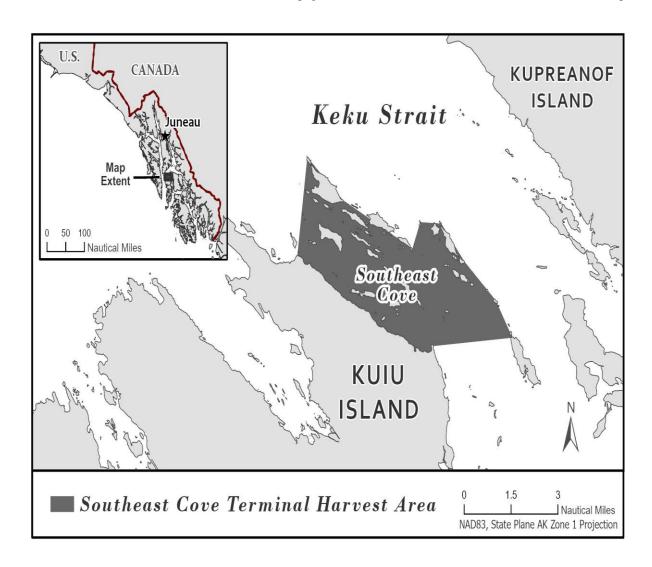


Figure 1.-Map of Southeast Cove THA

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